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JUDGE:

You asked me to put together a list of honors, including the Medal of Freedom, for you to include in your biographic sheet for Washington University. We pulled the attached information from your official biography. We have also included a substitute paragraph three for the University's introduction.

Joe DeTrani

Attachment:
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Washington U. Founder's Day Speech
November 16, 1991

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable William Webster

FROM: Laura H. Ponte *LHP*
Assistant Director
Alumni Relations

RE: Founders Day Biography

The following facsimile page is your biography as drafted for the Founders Day invitation by our Public Relations office. Could you please review it for additional information or changes? I can be reached by phone (314-935-5122) or fax (314-935-4483) for your approval or revision of the document.

We are so pleased that you will be joining us for this special event. I would be happy to work with you on your itinerary for the weekend. Please let me know if you would like my assistance.

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The Speaker

WILLIAM H. WEBSTER

Because of his reputation for honesty and personal integrity, U.S. Presidents from both sides of the political spectrum have entrusted William H. Webster with important responsibilities.

In 1978, President Jimmy Carter named Webster, then a federal appeals court judge, to restore confidence in the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Nine years later, President Ronald Reagan asked Webster to take the reins of the Central Intelligence Agency and help rebuild it after the Iran-Contra hearings. He was asked to remain in the post by the newly elected President George Bush.

This year, Webster announced his intention to resign and return to private life, after more than 20 years as a federal judge and administrator. He first entered federal service as U.S. Attorney, Eastern Missouri District, in 1960-61. He was appointed a judge of the U.S. District Court, Eastern Missouri, in 1971, and moved up to the U.S. Court Appeals, 8th Circuit, in 1973. Before his appointment to the federal bench, he was an attorney in private practice in St. Louis.

A native Missourian, Webster received his bachelor's degree from Amherst College in 1947. He returned to St. Louis to earn his law degree from Washington University in 1949. He was a member and partner of the law firm of Armstrong, Teasdale, Kramer & Vaughan and its predecessors from 1949-71.

While earning a reputation as one of the University's most distinguished graduates, he has remained one of its most loyal and involved alumni. He led both the University and the School of Law alumni organizations in the 1950s and '60s. He has been a member of the University Board of Trustees since 1974. He chaired the Law Task Force of the Commission on the Future in the late 1970s, and now serves on the School of Law National Council.

He received an Alumni Citation in 1972, the University's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1975, the School of Law's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1977 and the Eliot Society's "Search" Award in 1981, among many other honors and recognitions.

Judge Webster moves in the highest circles of government, but he has kept his roots in his native state.

Biography of William H. Webster

William H. Webster was sworn in as Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) on 26 May, 1987. In this position he heads the Intelligence Community (all foreign intelligence agencies of the United States) and directs the Central Intelligence Agency.

William H. Webster was born 6 March 1924, in St. Louis, Missouri, and received his early education in Webster Groves near St. Louis. He was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree from Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts, in 1947, where, in 1975, he received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. Judge Webster received his Juris Doctor degree from Washington University Law School, St. Louis, Missouri, in 1949. He served as a lieutenant in the United States Navy in World War II and again in the Korean War.

A practicing attorney with a St. Louis law firm from 1949 to 1959, Judge Webster served as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri from 1960 to 1961. He returned to private practice in 1961. From 1964 to 1969, he was a member of the Missouri Board of Law Examiners.

In 1970, Judge Webster was appointed a Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri and in 1973 was elevated to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. He resigned on 23 February 1978, to become Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. During his service on the bench, Judge Webster was Chairman of the Judiciary Conference Advisory Committee on the Criminal Rules and was a member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Habeas Corpus and the Committee of Court Administration.

A member of the American Bar Association, the Council of the American Law Institute, the Order of the Coif, the Missouri Bar Integrated, and the Metropolitan St. Louis Bar Association. Judge Webster served as Chairman of the Corporation, Banking and Business Law Section of the American Bar Association, and is a fellow of the American Bar Foundation.

Judge Webster was named Man of the Year 1980, by the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, and in May 1981, received the William Greenleaf Elliot Award from Washington University and the Riot Relief Fund Award in New York City. In October 1982, he was presented the Fordham Law School Louis Stein Award, and in August 1983, the International Platform Association Theodore Roosevelt Award for excellence in public service. In June 1984, he received the Jefferson Award for the Greatest Public Service by an Elected or Appointed Official. In May, 1985, he was presented the Freedoms Foundation National Service Medal in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, and the First Annual Patrick V. Murphy Award from the Police Foundation, Washington, D.C., for distinguished service in law enforcement. He was named Father of the Year for Public Service in May 1986, by the National Father's Day Committee, and received the 1986 Thomas Jefferson Award in Law from the University of Virginia. In June 1988, he received the Bracebridge Young Award from the American Society of Corporate Secretaries, and in May 1989, he was presented the Federal City Club's Distinguished Public Service Award. He received the Salees Seddon Criminal Justice Leadership Award in April 1990. On 30 October 1990, Judge Webster was presented the Boy Scouts of America Silver Buffalo Award.

Judge Webster was elected to active membership in the National Academy of Public Administration in October 1981, and served as President of the Institute of Judicial Administration from May 1985 until September 1988.

In 1972, Judge Webster received a Washington University Alumni Citation for contributions to the field of law and, in 1977, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Washington University Law School. A member of the University of Colorado Law School Board of Visitors and the National Advisory Board of the American University, Judge Webster holds honorary degrees from Amherst College, DePauw University, William Woods College, Drury College, Washington University, Columbia College, University of Dayton School of Law, University of Notre Dame, Centre College, Dickinson School of Law, University of Miami, DePaul University, the American University, The John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Westminster College and Georgetown University, *Pepperdine University*.

Judge Webster was married to the late Drusilla Lane Webster, is the father of three children: Drusilla L. Busch, William H., Jr., and Katherine H. Roessle, and has five grandchildren. On 20 October 1990, Judge Webster married Lynda Jo Clugston.

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